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1. Allegedly, Bulgarian Premier Vulko Chervenkov has been liquidated. Among the reasons supporting this allegation are:
  - a. Since 2 July 1952, when he appeared at Varna, Chervenkov has not been seen at any public functions; for example, he was absent from the reception of the Polish Minister;<sup>1</sup> and
  - b. Although telegrams to Chervenkov are usually read at public celebrations, on recent public occasions, Chervenkov has been only a name.
2. Chervenkov's removal may be related to the reported inspection trip of Beria and Vishinsky to Sofia in June 1952. While the inspection was partly to review the Bulgarian military situation, allegedly it was also to determine whether Moscow orders had been carried out in detail.
3. The most likely replacement for Chervenkov is either General Ivan Mikhailov, Vice Premier and Assistant Minister of Defense, or Vice Premier Georgi Chankov.

1.  Comment: Another report indicates that Chervenkov departed for Moscow the first week in July.

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